

Remarks:

Claims 2-8, 10-13, and 15-25 remain in consideration for this application.

In the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, the Examiner required restriction of the application to either the claims of Group I (claims 1-19, drawn to a mixture for placement within a container) or Group II (claims 20-25, drawn to a method of decontaminating an area). Applicants have elected the claims of Group II without traverse. Independent claims 1, 9, and 14 have been cancelled as being directed toward a non-elected invention. Independent claims 20, 24, and 25 (which previously referred to these cancelled independent claims) have been amended to affirmatively recite the limitations of the mixture that is used in the claimed method. Also, dependent claims 2-8 have been amended to become dependent upon claim 20, dependent claims 10-13 have been amended to become dependent upon claim 24, and dependent claims 15-19 have been amended to become dependent upon claim 25.

Finally, claim 2 has been amended to add TiO_2 to the list of metal oxides recited therein. TiO_2 was inadvertently left out of this claim. However, it is clear from the specification on page 3, line 19 that TiO_2 is listed as a preferred metal oxide for use with the present invention.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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